

Division on Earth and Life Studies Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology

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Re: Monthly Progress Report, Peer Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Product- 2021, Contract # 68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0401

Dear Ms. Soto:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of June 2022.

During the reporting period, National Academies staff made progress on tasks related to developing a committee nomination slate and submitting it for institutional approvals. These project-related activities consisted of screening individual nominations for committee membership, addressing relevant areas of expertise, potential conflicts of interest, and other considerations. Screening involved gathering and examining biographical information on the candidates and conducting video conferences to discuss their interest in being considered for service on the committee and any potential conflicts of interest. Once provisional members were approved by the National Academies, project staff prepared standard administrative materials for them to accept appointment. The materials included background information and conflict-of-interest disclosure forms for completion, as well as draft biosketches for review. Project staff also sought availabilities for the first meeting of the committee, at which the members are to hold a committee balance and conflict-of-interest discussion. Any conflicts of interest or issues of committee balance and expertise would be investigated and changes to the committee would be proposed, if necessary, in finalizing the committee. In addition, project staff responded to requests for information from members of the public regarding the project.

In the following period, progress is anticipated on the tasks related to releasing the committee nomination slate for release for a 20-day public comment period. In addition, staff will continue to make preliminary plans for the first committee meeting. As needed, project staff anticipate addressing any requests for information from members of the public regarding the project.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for June 2022:

Labor Cost ODCs Overhead G&A	\$ \$ Ex. 4 CBI
Total June 2022	\$ 6,255.82

The total expenditures since inception are \$61,064.03. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff.

Sincerely,

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Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Product - 2021 Sponsor Award # 68HERC19D0011/68HERC21F0401 Progress Report, June 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022 Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

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